

**M331J — STEEL MILL SHAPES AND FORMS
(PRODUCERS' NET SHIPMENTS AND INVENTORIES)**

DEFINITIONS AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Scope of survey

This survey covers inventories of steel mill producers and steel service centers.

In process, including ingot, semi-finished shapes such as blooms, billets, slabs, wire rods, etc., and all steel which will be further processed by you.

2. Figures to be reported

Companies with more than one establishment manufacturing the products covered by this survey are requested to complete a separate report form for each location. If you have not received a separate form for each of your establishments, please call the contact shown on the report form or write to the U.S. Census Bureau for additional forms.

Finished steel held in inventory on the accounts of the producing mills.

However, the requirements of this report are such that simplicity, timeliness, and consistency in reporting are the most essential elements. Accordingly, the inventory data may be reported as carried in your records even though such records may not be strictly compatible with these instructions. While a break between "in process" and "finished steel" is considered highly desirable, a total inventory figure will be acceptable if the greater detail is not readily available. Only a total of all grades (carbon, alloy, and stainless) is required. For the purpose of this report, the definition of mill shapes is that used in submitting statistical information to the American Iron and Steel Institute.

Quantity of shipments

The figures on quantity of shipments should include the physical shipments of all products sold, transferred to other establishments within your company, or shipped on consignment, whether for domestic or export sale. Products bought and resold without further manufacture should not be included in shipments.

3. Definitions

The product detail for this survey, as shown in the Reference List, is defined according to standard nomenclature for this industry.

All figures should be reported in short tons.

The net shipments data to be reported may be obtained from information submitted on AIS form 10. Conceptually, the inventory data should account for all steel:

REFERENCE LIST

FORM **M331J**

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Product code	Item code	Item description
		Report in short tons — 2,000 pounds
3310000150	3310	New shipments during month¹
		Inventory, end of month:
3310000150	3321	Steel in process ²
3310000150	3322	Finished steel ³
3310000150	3329	Total (Sum of item codes 3321–3322)
XXX	3999	VERIFICATION TOTAL (Sum of all figures in column)

¹ May be obtained from information submitted on form AIS–10, total all grades, net shipments.

² Include ingot, semifinished shapes and all other steel in processing, including hot-rolled material which will be cold rolled, galvanized, etc.

³ Include only that tonnage of steel which is considered to be finished steel inventory (including ingot semifinished steel if produced for sale as such). Include mill inventories and other stocks (such as “downriver”) on which title has not passed to the customer, but exclude stocks at company-owned steel service centers (warehouses).

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